



Protestant schools came to Wasatch County about 1883, and were welcomed because of the shortage of teachers in the valley. Latter-day Saint officials even helped the teachers become situated in the valley, realizing the cultural influence many of them would exert in the area.

The Congregationalists and Methodists were most influential in the Wasatch area. The first school was established by the New West Educational Commission, one of the societies of the Congregational Church. Known as the New West School, it was located on the corner of 1st North and 2nd East. Miss Angie L. Steele was the first teacher and she soon had more than 40 pupils. Some of the teachers, Miss Steele, Jennie Clavin, a Miss Shepherd, a Mrs. Rand, Miss Shute, Miss Crosbie, Miss Lester and Miss Stoner, to mention only a few, are still remembered affectionately and favorably by some of the older valley residents. When Miss Shute died she willed a considerable sum of money to the Wasatch County Library.

The Methodists opened a church and a school on the corner of Center Street and 1st West, a site which is now occupied by the Second-Fifth Ward Chapel of the LDS Church. The big issue of the day then was prohibition, and she took every opportunity to promote it. Most of the teachers were single women from the East and were very well educated. They brought a cultural and intellectual influence into the frontier country that contributed greatly in refining the community. Early educational efforts by the LDS Church were centered in the Wasatch Stake Academy which was established in July, 1888, Wilford Woodruff, President of the church, formulated plans for the establishment of a stake board of education. President Hatch, his counselors, President H. H. Hatch, and others, formulated plans for the establishment of a stake board of education.

Miss Martha D Shute's  
Desk

Names	FGS	Pict	H1
<p>Miss Angie L Steele=, first teacher, and had 40 pupils</p> <p>Ms Jennie Clafin</p> <p>Miss Shepherd</p> <p>Mrs Rand</p> <p>Miss Martha <del>D</del> Shute <del>X in</del> <i>† in Heber</i></p> <p>Miss Crosbie</p> <p>Miss Lester</p> <p>Miss Stoner</p> <p><i>&amp; others</i></p>			
<p>Locations of where the Congregational New West School was held:</p>			
<p>1. In the Upstairis of the rock building housing the old Carter's Store, 77 W 400 N Heber</p>			
<p>2. The new white frame building built by the Congregationalists on the corner (Southwest corner of the intersection) of 100 North and 200 East. <i>Built like Church w/ steeple and sat on the lot diagonally. Rudolf McKnight home there now. (95 No 200 E Heber)</i></p>			
<p>Ref 1. HBUM pp84-85,</p>			
<p><i>Ref - Beth M Ritchie Mar 1887</i></p> <p><i>Hope M Mohr " "</i></p> <p><i>Venola Cowley 6-18-87</i></p> <p><i>Virginia Jane Christensen 2-7-95</i></p> <p><i>DO ESTA VORCA 2-9-95</i></p>			
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